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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring school districts to adopt a child sexual  
2 abuse prevention instructional program for students in  
3 kindergarten through grade twelve.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.   NEW SECTION.   279.50B   Child sexual abuse  
2 prevention instructional program.

- 3     1.   The board of directors of each school district  
4 shall adopt and implement a child sexual abuse prevention  
5 instructional program for students in kindergarten through  
6 grade twelve.   The program shall include all of the following:
- 7     a.   Developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive, and  
8 evidence-based instruction for each grade level.
  - 9     b.   A minimum of four instructional sessions per school year,  
10 with each year's instruction building on the previous year's  
11 instruction.
  - 12    c.   Age-appropriate curriculum including role-playing,  
13 discussion, activities, and books to educate students regarding  
14 child sexual abuse prevention.
  - 15    d.   Instruction providing students with the knowledge and  
16 tools to communicate incidents of sexual abuse.
  - 17    e.   Instruction regarding safe touch, unsafe touch, safe  
18 secrets, and unsafe secrets, and how to escape and report a  
19 sexual abuse situation.
  - 20    f.   Techniques to recognize child sexual abuse, skills to  
21 reduce vulnerability, and encouragement to report child sexual  
22 abuse.
  - 23    g.   An evaluation component with measurable outcomes.
  - 24    h.   A professional training component for administrators,  
25 teachers, and other school personnel regarding communicating  
26 child sexual abuse prevention techniques to students, effects  
27 of child sexual abuse on children, receiving child sexual abuse  
28 reports and disclosures, and mandated reporting.
  - 29    i.   A parental involvement component to inform parents  
30 about child sexual abuse topics, including characteristics of  
31 offenders, grooming behaviors, and how to discuss child sexual  
32 abuse prevention with children.
- 33     2.   Program instruction may be delivered by instructors  
34 including practitioners, school counselors, and outside agency  
35 prevention educators, provided the instructors have knowledge

1 of and training in child sexual abuse prevention.

2     Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
3 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
4 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
5 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
6 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
7 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
8 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of  
9 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding  
10 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act  
11 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school  
12 districts.

13                                   EXPLANATION

14             The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
15             the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16     This bill requires the board of directors of each school  
17 district to adopt and implement a child sexual abuse prevention  
18 instructional program for students in kindergarten through  
19 grade 12.

20     The program shall include developmentally appropriate,  
21 culturally sensitive, and evidence-based instruction; a minimum  
22 of four instructional sessions per school year, with each  
23 year's instruction building on the previous year's instruction;  
24 age-appropriate curriculum including role-playing, discussion,  
25 activities, and books to educate students regarding child  
26 sexual abuse prevention; instruction providing students with  
27 the knowledge and tools to communicate incidents of sexual  
28 abuse; instruction in how to recognize, escape, and report  
29 sexual abuse; skills to reduce vulnerability and encouragement  
30 to report child sexual abuse; an evaluation component with  
31 measurable outcomes; a professional training component for  
32 school personnel; and a parental involvement component to  
33 inform parents about child sexual abuse topics.

34     Program instruction may be delivered by practitioners,  
35 school counselors, and outside agency prevention educators,

1 provided the instructors have knowledge of and training in  
2 child sexual abuse prevention.

3     The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
4 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of  
5 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
6 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
7 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
8 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate  
9 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The  
10 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the  
11 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state  
12 mandates included in the bill.